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Applicants: LAYE et al.)

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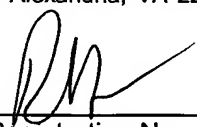
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AND PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
ATTENTION: Assistant Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This preliminary amendment is in response to the Notice of Omitted Item(s) in a Non-Provisional Application mailed February 3, 2004. Applicants respectfully request that the present preliminary amendment be entered before examination of the present application.

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO SPECIFICATION: Begin on page 2.

REMARKS: Begin on page 4.